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April 9, 2012

Subject: **Hollis-Standish**

David Bernhardt

Federal Project No: BR-1670(400)X^{COMMISSIONER}

State PIN: 016704.00

Amendment No. 2

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: We have not been able to locate a steel fabricator that can provide structural steel prior to 4th quarter 2012, and cannot get a commitment from any fabricators to provide steel prior to the end of October. This does not provide adequate time to erect the steel, form and place the deck/curbs and membrane and pave the bridge in accordance with specifications. Would the Department consider relaxing the bridge opening date to a date more realistic with the constraints put on the Contractor?

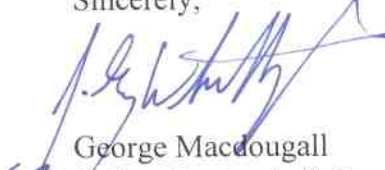
Response: The Department realizes that this is an ambitious schedule but believes that it is achievable. A quick and efficient turn around of award process documents can help ensure sufficient time for steel fabrication. The request to move the bridge open to traffic date later than the previously amended date of November 15th 2012 is denied.

Question: Speaking as one of only a few steel plate girder fabricators in Maine, I'm requesting that you revise the construction schedule for the above referenced project so that the structural steel can be fabricated during the last quarter of 2012 or during the winter months of 2012/2013. Our shop schedule is filled to capacity and we will not be able to meet the current delivery requirements for this project. Couldn't MDOT post the existing bridge to restrict heavy loads for one more winter? Amendment #1 still doesn't allow enough time for structural steel to be delivered on time.

Response: Please see the above response.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on April 18, 2012.

Sincerely,


George MacDougall
Acting Contracts & Specifications Engineer



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